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IMPERIAL TROOPS ENTER DERRA, MERDJAYHOUN AND TYRE: REPORTS ON THE SYRIAN SITUATION STILL SOMEWHAT VAGUE

Only News Of Fighting From Sources In Vichy

INFORMATION REACHING LONDON ON THE SITUATION IN SYRIA IS STILL SOMEWHAT VAGUE, BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT IMPERIAL AND FREE FRENCH TROOPS HAVE ENTERED DERRA, MERDJAYHOUN AND TYRE, ON THE COAST.

There is little doubt that the Allied forces are meeting with some opposition although the only news of the fighting is still from Vichy sources, says Reuter.

THE STRENGTH OF THIS OPPOSITION IS NOT KNOWN.

Derra is a small town just over the Syrian-Transjordan border and Merdjayhoun is a village of the slopes of Mount Hermon, some 30 to 40 miles south-east of Damascus.

FROM A FRENCH SOURCE, IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE ALLIED FORCES ARE ADVANCING IN FOUR DIRECTIONS—ALONG THE COAST, TOWARDS RAYAK DUE EAST OF BEIRUT, FROM AMMAN AND ALONG THE EUPHRATES FROM IRAQ.

New G.O.C. In Egypt

Lieut.-Gen.
Marshall-Cornwall
Appointed

L.T.-GEN. SIR JAMES MARSHALL-CORNWALL, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., has been appointed General Officer Commanding the British troops in Egypt. He is 54 and knows Egypt well. He is also regarded as the best linguist in the Army.

His appointment as G.O.C.-in-Chief was notified last week but nothing was known of the area he was to take over.

Sir James has spent much time at General Headquarters in Cairo and represented the Middle East Command in the recent Staff talks with Turkey.

A former Sir James had a distinguished record as an intelligence officer in the last war. He also served with the Shanghai Defence Force.

The new command is a component part of General Sir Archibald Wavell's command covering the whole of the Middle East.

This may be a "balloon dessai."

No information is available in London of any Allied landing on the Syrian coast from the sea, as also reported by Vichy, which states that prisoners were taken.

Commenting on the French and German statement that the Germans have left Syria, authoritative quarters in London point out that the Nazis entered Iraq to "set it alight."

They did so but when they found it not a "very good place," they left the burden to the Iraqi rebels.

It is known that the Germans entered Syria and, if it is true they have now left, it would not seem that they were very good "friends" to the Syrians themselves.

They were very good "friends" to Germany and, therefore, the British Government's warning to Vichy had to be made good.

The Syrians themselves may take exception to the words French sovereignty used by Vichy because

by a treaty in 1936 Syria was given

independence and that treaty had

not even yet been ratified.

DIFFICULT DECISION

The decision which General Wavell took was a difficult one but it was encouraging to realise that in spite of all other calls in the Middle East, he judged himself strong enough to make the advance into Syria.

Any reports from Vichy of heavy fighting had to be taken with reserve until confirmation one way or the other came through.

There are also a number of tanks.

ADVANCE CONTINUING

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuter)—It is learned unofficially that the Allied advance in Syria northwards from Derra and Tyre is continuing.

French officials in country already occupied are co-operating with the Allies.

The Free French Radio in Levant reports that 140 German paratroopers, including a colonel, were captured in Syria.

The speaker added that local populations are enthusiastically welcoming the allies in Syria in the area already occupied, while French troops in these areas were falling back into line ready to fight alongside the British and Free French.

LARGE SCALE ATTACK

"The British and Free French invasion of Syria and Lebanon is developing into a large scale three-sided attack from British controlled territories, Palestine, Transjordan and Iraq," reported the correspondent of the National Broadcasting Corporation. Mr. Martin Agronsky, from the Ankara radio early on Monday.

He cited reports that the British Mediterranean Fleet is cruising within gunshot range of Syrian ports.

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Over 17,000 Men Were Taken Off Crete During Hazardous Evacuation

WHEN THE OPERATION WAS COMPLETED, JUST OVER 17,000 MEN WERE TAKEN OFF THE ISLAND, states an Admiralty communiqué issued yesterday announcing further losses of ships in the hazardous but gallant evacuation from Crete.

The following ships were lost during the withdrawal of our land forces from Crete:

An-aircraft cruiser CALCUTTA;
Destroyers HAREWOOD and IMPERIAL.

The Harewood was last seen Imperial troops. The embarkation heading towards the coast. An had to be carried out from places with inadequate port facilities.

In the circumstances prevailing it was impossible to assess the damage done to enemy aircraft by our gunfire.

The Imperial had to be sunk by our forces after being damaged by enemy air attack.

The communiqué points out that immense difficulties confronted our ships in finding and taking off the

ME. 109'S ROUGHLY HANDLED

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—Several formations of Messerschmitt 109 fighters—Germany's latest fighter and intended to be a reply to the Spitfire and Hurricane—made sweeps over the south-east coast today, but met rough handling from British fighters.

A Spitfire tackled three of the raiders and shot down two. The third sped away.

The German aircraft were machine-gunning the cliff tops from a low altitude when a Spitfire roared out of low clouds.

Watchers on the cliffs saw flashes and puffs of smoke from the Spitfire's wings as it swooped on the raiders.

Two German machines spun over and crashed into the sea.

INDIAN P.C. WOUNDED

An Indian police constable was seriously wounded in Kowloon Hospital as the result of a chopper attack in an Indian mess in Reclamation Street, Mongkok district, about midnight on Sunday.

The alleged assailant, another Indian constable, is to appear in Police Court this morning.

Chief Det.-Insp. A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.

NEW DEVICE FOR COMBATTING SUBMARINES

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—MR. CHARLES KETTERING, Research Director of General Motors, last night announced a new device for combatting submarines.

This device is apparently specially designed for the problem of locating submarines on the surface at night.

Mr. Kettering also said that the submarine the United States Navy was now receiving were faster and better than any others in the world.

Today's News Summary

LATEST INFORMATION RECEIVED in London of the progress of the united British Imperial and Free French troops in Syria shows that Tyre, on the coast, Derra, on the Transjordan border and Merdjayhoun, on the Palestine border, have been entered. There seems little doubt that the French have met one or two of the columns and are trying to find out the nature of the Allied advance plans.

REPORTS, ORIGINATING FOR THE most part from Berne, suggesting that General Weygand has now resolved to oppose the Vichy Government in its design to further collaboration between France and Germany in North Africa, find no confirmation in London and are treated with great reserve as there is no evidence that Weygand is any more pro-British than his colleagues.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS taken a hand in the strike at the North American Aircraft Factory and sent the Army to take over the premises where the men are still on strike. The U.S. Secretary for Labour had made a last-minute appeal.

DORTMUND WAS AMONG THE targets in Western Germany raided by the R.A.F. on Sunday night.

TWO MORE SUPPLY SHIPS that were serving the battleship Bismarck in the Atlantic have been intercepted and sunk.

Men of Allied nationality, between 18 and 65, are to register in Britain throughout this week. Women of Allied nationality, between the ages of 18 and 50, will register next week.

He cited reports that the British

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KOWLOON BOWLING G. C. "A" GETS RUDE SHOCK AT HANDS OF CRAIGENGOWER C. C.

K.C.C. SCORE FIRST VICTORY AT EXPENSE OF RECREIO "B": TOMMY MADAR HERO OF MARCH

BY "L. G."

There is now only one team in the League which can boast of a 100 per cent. record—Kowloon Tong in the Second Division. The Kowloon Football Club, in the same Division, who previous to last Saturday had also been unbeaten, surprisingly lost to Recreio although they were playing at home.

There were several other surprising results in the matches decided on Saturday, chief of which was the home defeat of the fairly powerful Recreio "B" at the hands of Kowloon C.C. in the First Division. This was the Kowloon Cricketers' first win of the season. After defeating the Champions, Recreio "A", the previous Saturday, Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" were expected to chalk up another win at home, this time at the expense of Craigengower, but the tables were turned on them. In the Third Division, Kowloon Football Club unexpectedly lost to Recreio.

A new record for the current season was established by C. Wallis' K.B.G.C. rink (J. Dimmen, A. Bower and G. Thompson) when they scored 40 shots against J. F. Lunny's rink in a Third Division match. This is two shots better than the mark set up by J. F. Lunny's (H.K. Electric) rink on May 24. Wallis also scored a "possible."

POINTS FOR CHAMPIONS

The Champions, Recreio "A", in the Third Division, Craigengower scored maximum points against Hongkong C.C. at the Valley. For Craigengower, A. J. Coelho had the biggest rink win. He beat R. A. Edwards by 16 shots. A seven was included in his rink score of 29 shots.

The biggest aggregate in all three Divisions of the League last Saturday was Police Recreation Club's 83 shots against Hongkong Football Club in a Third Division match at Happy Valley. The biggest win for the afternoon also went to the credit of the Police men when they beat their opponents by 37 shots.

Fresh from their victory over the Champions, Kowloon Bowling Green "A" were expected to win against Craigengower but they failed by the narrow margin of five shots. Both U. M. Omar and B. W. Bradbury proved too good for them. The former beat J. McElvane by eight shots and the latter had a five shot edge over Adam Holland. For the homesters only A. J. Hall was successful. He beat Charlie Rosselet by eight shots.

A very close game was seen at King's Park where Recreio "E" entertained Kowloon C.C. and unexpectedly lost by five shots though they were actually up on two rinks.

Tommy Madar was the K.C.C. hero. It was entirely due to him that the Kowloon Cricketers won. His two fellow skips, J. Fraser and Teddy Fincher having lost all round to L. J. Silva and Tony Gutierrez respectively by eight shots it was left to him to pull the game out of the fire for the K. C. C. which he did by his 13 shot win over J. J. Basto. This gave the K.C.C. a win by five shots. Incidentally, this was the Cricketers' first win of the season.

The Indian R.C. made a clean sweep in their match against the Civil Servants at Sookunpo. They were leading by 30 shots at the tea interval, but when the game was resumed they fell away slightly to enable their opponents to creep up on them to some extent. They eventually won by nineteen shots.

When tea was taken, Abe Abbas was leading Charlie Strange by 21-9, but at the end of the game Strange was only four shots behind Abbas. Strange scored a six on the 17th head.

K.T.G.C.A. WINS AGAIN

The only hundred per cent. side in the League, Kowloon Tong, made sure of the Second Division leadership by beating Hongkong F.C. fairly easily by nineteen shots in an away match.

W. J. Howard who last week scored the first "possible" of the season was the only Kowloon Tong skip to suffer defeat. He was beaten by W. Gill by three shots in a ding dong struggle.

A. J. Kew continued in winning vein, his win over Arnold Brookbank last Saturday being his fifth straight win in as many matches. He won by eleven shots. J. L. Stephens also won by the same margin.

Kowloon Football Club lost their 100 per cent. record when they were unexpectedly beaten at home by Recreio by seventeen shots. Their defeat has also placed their

SPORTS & GENERAL

"A" GETS

HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR MACAO RACE MEET

The following are the handicap weights for the June Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at Areea Preta Course, Macao, on June 15.

Race 1—"The Canberra Handicap" Six Furlongs—"B" 'C' D' Australian Ponies

A Good Time 135. Angel of Glory 152. Amhabeta 153. Cocklerol 147. Double Finesse 153. Juan 159. National Victory 135. Tobaccoship 144. Odin 142. Ozark 142. Winnie 143.

Race 2—"The Hobart Handicap" Six Furlongs—Novice Jockeys Australian 'E' Class

Beaufort 135. Blue Gown 139. Boneshaker 142. Buckfastleigh 142. Dick Turpin 142. High Hat 137. Rising Star 149. Subpoena 142.

Race 3—"The Lappa Handicap" Six Furlongs—China Ponies 'C' Class

Blue Diamond 140. Blue Field 152. Galveston Bay 147. Jennifer 138. Lancashire Lass 145. Night Express 140. Odeon 152. Oscar Zylch 142. Smashing Through 147.

Race 4—"The Makok Handicap" (First Section) Six Furlongs—China Ponies 'E' Class

Black Diamond 135. Geordie 140. King's Worthy 159. Mac's Adventure 140. National Success 152. Piet Hein 159. Radium Star 143. Sports Venture 135.

Race 5—"The Stewards' Cup" Six Furlongs—China Ponies 'D' Class

Boolat Bay 140. Eve of Hunting 159. Golden Cow 146. Guinness

Time 142. Lovely Star 150. Portrush 146. Royal Highness 135. Sunlight View 135. West Lake 149.

Race 6—"The Makok Handicap" (Second Section)—Novice Jockeys

Eagle 147. Hopeful Time 152. National Anthem 146. National Liberty 158. New Bedford 159. The Maid 149. The Spirit of St. Louis 148. Victory Life 135.

TENNIS LEAGUE

South China Beat University

South China Athletic Association beat Hongkong University Tennis Club by six sets to three in an "A" Division Tennis League match played at Pokfulam yesterday.

Szeto Hick and K. F. Liu (S.C.A.A.) beat S. H. Ling and Dr. A. L. Tsai 6-4; beat T. T. Lim and Dr. S. Wong 5-1; lost to H. P. Ong and G. Choa 1-6.

F. N. Wong and Lam Kwan (S.C.A.A.) beat Ling and Tsai 6-0; beat Lim and Wong 6-4; lost to Ong and Choa 4-6.

J. Hsu and A. Chan (S.C.A.A.) beat Ling and Tsai 6-3; lost to Lim and Wong 2-6; beat Ong and Choa 6-2.

Scorers for the winners were Lee Wal-tong and Lee Tak-kei (2).

DETENTION CAMP REFORMS

SYDNEY.—Several suggestions for the reform of methods and punishments adopted at the Holdsworthian detention camp for military prisoners will be investigated immediately by the Army Minister (Mr. Spender).

This has resulted from an inquiry just completed by the Army Inspector-General of Administration (Mr. A. Davies) into allegations of brutality by camp guards.

The inquiry was held in response to allegations made in the House of Representatives by Mr. Ward (Lab. N.S.W.). While certain specific charges have been found by Mr. Davies to be established, he has dismissed the majority of complaints into which he inquired.

Mr. Davies' report finds that in certain circumstances prisoners have been held in close confinement up to 22 hours a day. This is contrary to military regulations which provide that prisoners must work for at least six hours a day.

Mr. Davies says that long confinement without work is detrimental to morale and possibly also to physical welfare and should not be continued.

WITHDRAWAL OF BLANKETS

The report also criticises the withdrawal of blankets from prisoners as a form of punishment. Mr. Davies says deprivation of mattresses is permissible, but taking away blankets should be stopped.

BELGIAN PREMIER TELLS HOW THE WORLD'S LARGEST FORT FELL

In the darkness and confusion of the Nazi invasion of Belgium and France in May 1940 some of the most astonishing stories of the war went unchronicled.

Among them was that of the capture of the Belgian fortress of Eben-Emael. It has just been related to me by the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Hubert Pierlot, writes Mr. George Slocombe in the Sunday Express.

The fort of Eben-Emael, just north of Liege, was the largest in the world. It had been built after the Marne Line, and its designers had probably incorporated in it, all the latest available ideas of fortress construction.

ENORMOUS COST

Its cost was enormous. Thousands of workmen were engaged on it—some of them, it has since been rumoured, came from Germany. At all events, in spite of the precautions taken to prevent the secrets of the fortress from becoming known to the potential enemy, subsequent history showed that the Germans were familiar with the construction of the fort.

A few hours after the invasion began the Germans attacked Eben-Emael. They attacked it in the one manner which had not been foreseen, or had not been thought practicable by the Belgian military engineers. They landed scores of parachutists on the roof of the fort.

NO ORDINARY ROOF

Now this roof was no ordinary roof. It covered a land surface of forty hectares—about 100 acres.

When it was reported to the Belgian High Command, M. Pierlot told me, that German troops had landed on the fortress, batteries in the vicinity were ordered to turn their guns on the invaders. But by the use of smoke clouds the Germans evaded observation. And soon they had actually disappeared into the bowels of the fort.

After attacking the gun crews in the casemates, with tear gas and hand grenades, the Germans actually climbed down the long vertical shafts or chimneys which led from the gun casemates to the central munition magazine of the fort. They seized this magazine, and thus effectively put the gun out of action.

When the commandant of the fort telephoned to the High Command to report this astonishing situation, he was instructed to blow up the magazine. This was done, and all the Germans were killed. But the explosion wrecked the entire central structure of the fort, and thus left it without any defences except the automatic arms in the pill-boxes on its periphery.

FANATICAL COURAGE AND CUNNING

The moral of this amazing incident is that no defensive positions, however powerful, are entirely proof against surprise, fanaticism, courage, cunning and ingenuity, and the story should not be lost on those responsible for our anti-invasion defences.

M. Pierlot is fifty-seven years old. He fought in the last war in the Belgian infantry as a volunteer. It was his voice which announced to the Belgian nation—and severely condemned—the capitulation of the Belgian sovereign. He arrived in London at the end of October. He left unoccupied France two months earlier, with the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Henri Speak, but their journey was interrupted by the Spanish authorities.

DETAINED IN SPAIN

"We were detained for two months in Spain," said M. Pierlot, "in conditions for which no justification can be found in international law. But in spite of the close surveillance under which we were guarded, we managed to organise our escape."

M. Pierlot is the head of the second Belgian Government to function outside its native territory in a single generation.

"This Government is the only legal Government of Belgium," he told me. "Its existence and its functions have never been suspended. We have never even contemplated the renunciation of our legal powers, by which the permanency of the Belgian State is assured."

TWO GREAT REVERSES

"In the first phase of the struggle we experienced two great reverses. The first was the capitulation of the Belgian Army, which, after gallantly defending the national soil, foot by foot, found itself surrounded, and was

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BRITAIN'S 700,000 AIR CADETS

LONDON.—Britain's latest organisation for supplying women for a huge air fleet—the Air Training Corps—has started work.

Already, hundreds of local authorities have declared their intention of forming units.

In addition to the 200 Air Defence Cadet Corps which have applied for inclusion in the new Corps, thirty new squadrons have been registered. Many more are on the point of applying for registration.

In Greater London, at least twenty squadrons are in the course of being formed.

Some of the most heavily blitzed cities are among the most enthusiastic supporters of the scheme for training thousands of youths as pilots, crews and ground staff men.

Coventry is to have four squadrons.

Schools are making a hearty response too, and at least 187 have stated they will form squadrons.

Boy Scouts are forming their own units for boys under sixteen, who are not covered by the Air Ministry scheme.

Actual instruction for the new cadets has started.

The Air Ministry hopes that eventually the new scheme will provide the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm with 700,000 airmen.



M. PIERLOT

forced by sheer weight of numbers to lay down its arms. The second was the French armistice, which rendered vain our hopes of reorganising the remainder of the Belgian Army on French territory.

"Belgium is still at war with Germany."

The capitulation of the Belgian Army in Flanders only

affected the forces surrounded by the Germans. It is true that at their head as Commander-in-Chief was the sovereign. But

since his surrender the King, as a prisoner of war, has abstained from any act of a political character. He has refused to compromise the principle of Belgian independence by exercising his royal functions in the presence and under the surveillance of the invader."

KING LEOPOLD'S ACTION.

Historians will judge King Leopold's action more dispassionately than is possible now. But already it is clear that whatever their private verdict on the capitulation of the young king, many prominent Belgians have nothing but praise for his demeanour since he has been confined to his palace at Laeken as a prisoner of war.

"The king's attitude of protest" said M. Pierlot, "has been confirmed and ratified by the entire nation. Belgium is temporarily conquered, but she has not and will not submit to the will of the conqueror, and her spirit of resistance is as strong as in 1914."

"We remain at war with Germany, at the side of Great Britain and her Empire, and the Governments of those countries which, like ours, have been occupied by the Germans. Our army is not yet anything more than a nucleus, but it is full of ardour. Our airmen are flying with yours, and shortly will be organised as a distinct unit, with the national colours. Our merchant marine carries troops and supplies for the Allied cause, and our workers are

"employed in British munition factories."

INTERESTING FACT

M. Pierlot revealed the interesting fact that a Belgian detachment—the first of many—has been sent from the Belgian Congo to fight with the South African forces in Kenya.

Incidentally, the Belgian Prime Minister is the first of the Allied statesmen to announce his war aims.

"Shall I tell you what they are?" he asked. "The answer is simple."

"The liberation of Belgium from the enemy, the release of her sovereign, the restoration of our free institutions. In one word,

the conquest of a durable peace,

more assured than that of yesterday; a peace which will guarantee our children a long era of freedom, work and security."

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FIERCE BATTLES RAGING IN SYRIA MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF SUWEIDA

BRITISH ADVANCING ON DAMASCUS ROAD: R.A.F. GIVING FULL SUPPORT

VICHY, JUNE 9 (REUTER)—FIERCE BATTLES IN SYRIA ARE GOING ON IN THE MOUNTAINS of Djebel Drus just south of Suweida, state the first despatches from the Commander of the Vichy troops, General Dentz. Suweida is about 20 miles from Syria's frontier with Transjordan and some 55 miles south-south-east of Damascus.

General Dentz's headquarters are at Beirut and the first communiqué from there announces that the R.A.F. bombed the aerodrome at Mezze, near Damascus, yesterday morning causing damage, but no casualties.

British troops attacked the southern frontier of Syria and Lebanon from 3.40 a.m., the communiqué states and "contact" was made with our advance posts which engaged the enemy in accordance with the tasks assigned them."

BRITISH COMMUNIQUE

LONDON, June 9 (British Wireless)—The entry of British troops into Syria is mentioned in a communiqué by the British G.H.Q. in Cairo in the following terms:

"Early this morning, Allied forces under the command of General Wilson crossed the frontier into Syria with the object of eliminating German personnel and influence from certain areas in which they are securing a dominating position through continued infiltration."

"It allowed to proceed, the unchecked establishment of German bases in these areas might endanger the security of the Allied situation in the Middle East and lead to the Arab countries being seized by Axis Powers."

"It is hoped to secure both French and Arab co-operation in this task."

FULL AIR SUPPORT

A special R.A.F. Middle East communiqué states, "Aircraft of the R.A.F. gave full support to the British Imperial and Allied troops which crossed into Syria at dawn today."

"Fighter aircraft which patrolled the sky over our advancing troops met with no opposition."

FRENCH FORCES

France is thought to have about 45,000 troops in Syria of whom one-third to a quarter are white, others are Senegalese, Algerians, Tunisians, Syrians, Lebanese and possibly some Indo-Chinese.

ACTION JUSTIFIED

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—General Wavell justifies the British action by declaring that Syria and Lebanon are the "first stage" in the German conquest of French colonies.

LINE OF ADVANCE

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuter)—The likely line of advance is the most natural one along the coast road through Saida or Beirut.

It is known that the French have some blocks on the road but it is uncertain whether these are real military obstacles or merely traffic control blocks such as were well-known to those travelling in France in wartime.

The French in Syria were deprived of many of their weapons by the Armistice Commission, but it is known that they have some tanks and armoured cars.

Allied troops have made some progress in Syria although it is not known whether opposition has been encountered or what are the reactions of the French.

Authoritative circles are without any very definite news of the situation.

SOUTHERLY MARCH

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—British troops in Syria are marching in a southerly direction, according to a Vichy Government announcement quoted by the German radio.

"Strong motorised and armoured detachments" of British and Free French troops, supported by artillery, are encountering resistance on the road to Damascus, according to the Vichy agency.

BEIRUT BOMBED

VICHY, June 9 (Reuter)—The R.A.F. yesterday twice raided Beirut, setting fire to oil dumps.

An R.A.F. Middle East communiqué states that fighter aircraft intercepted and shot down a Cant. 100 bombers over Alexandria and the aircraft crashed near Agame.

FROM IRAQ

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—British troops are also advancing into Syria from Iraq along the

SYRIA ISSUE NAZI BLIND FOR ATTACK ON EGYPT?

ANKARA, June 9 (Reuter)—Well-informed circles here are wondering whether the German provocation in Syria is not designed to distract the British while the main attack on Egypt is launched from Libya.

It is pointed out that air-borne troops would be useless in Syria in face of the heavy tanks which the British are able to bring into action while the task of supplying the Germans in Syria would be extremely hard owing to the proximity of numerous British air bases.

Therefore, the Turks argue, the British should take over Syria as quickly as possible before the German preparations for a Libyan attack is complete.

Turkey's own position is benefited by the withdrawal of German troops from Greece and Bulgaria, mainly to Moldavia, and military experts express the opinion that it will take the Germans at least a month to build up armies in these areas to their former strength.

N.E.I. WARNED AGAINST INSINCERITY

Matsuoka Drafting New Instructions

TOKYO, June 9 (Reuter)—Official circles here continue to maintain the utmost reserve regarding the N.E.I. crisis.

It is reported, however, without official confirmation, that Mr. Matsuoka intends to send fresh instruction to the Japanese Delegation within a few days thus paving the way for further contact between the Japanese and Dutch Delegations.

The nature of the new instruction could not be determined but nevertheless their importance is overshadowed by the reports that Mr. Matsuoka intends to draft these after full consultations with the Navy and Overseas Affairs Ministers and other Government departments concerned.

PRESS WARNING

Meanwhile, the Army organ, Kokumin Shimbun, voiced another warning to N.E.I. urging the Dutch Colony to drop procrastinating tactics and to wake from the foolish dream that its interests can be served best by expanding military defences against Japan.

It adds that Japan will be forced to reconsider her relations with the N.E.I. in a different light if Batavia persists in maintaining "an insincere and haughty front."

British Move Against Syria Taken In The Nick Of Time

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuter)—The move by the British and Free French to prevent the Germans assuming control of Syria and turning it into a battle-ground was taken in the nick of time as evidence was accumulating of growing German infiltration.

It is understood that General Dentz, the French High Commissioner in Syria, was recently informed by Vichy that a German Mission would arrive at Aleppo about June 15 to take over control and the administration of the Aleppo district.

The seriousness of such an action required no emphasis.

It was also learned that early in May General Huntziger informed General Dentz that Admiral Darlan, in the course of his conversation with Hitler, had conceded air bases in Syria to the Germans and General Dentz was asked to report for the information of the Disarmament Commission, whether this was likely to cause trouble in the Syrian Army, and if so, to suggest how the position could be overcome.

General Dentz suggested in reply that the aerodrome should be used by the Germans in transit.

ECONOMIC REVIVAL

While not under-estimating the importance of the declaration granting liberty and independence to Syria and Lebanon, the economic provisions of the British and Free French declarations are almost paralysed, exports and imports falling to a minimum and hampered by grave exchange difficulties, while oil has ceased to run through the pipe line to Syria.

The declarations contain a promise of economic revival with the lifting of the blockade and an aircraft gun, the reports add.

NAZI PLANES FLY OVER SYRIA

ANKARA, June 9 (Reuter)—German planes are rumoured to have been seen flying very high over Hatay, in south-western Turkey, by night towards Aleppo.

They were outside the range of anti-aircraft guns, the reports add.

EIGHTY-THREE ENEMY SHIPS SUNK BY R.A.F. BOMBERS IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST SHIPPING

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announced yesterday further blows by the R.A.F. Bomber Command on Saturday in the three-months old daylight campaign against enemy shipping from Norway to the Mediterranean.

It was already announced that a convoy of supply ships off the Dutch coast was attacked during the morning and that two ships were set afire and probably destroyed. Other vessels in this convoy were damaged.

Later in the day, it is also disclosed, bomb and machine-gun attacks were again made on an escorted supply ship off the Norwegian coast and other vessels in a convoy off the Dutch coast.

A salvage ship lying beside a large submerged wreck off Tereschelling and surrounded by anti-aircraft ships was bombed and set on fire. Two British bombers were hotly engaged by German fighters on the way back. One enemy fighter was damaged.

83 SHIPS SUNK

Eighty-three ships have been sunk in daring low-level attacks by R.A.F. bombers in the past three months, it is officially announced.

Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, Commander-in-Chief of the Bomber Command, in a special Order of the Day, congratulated pilots on Saturday on their success.

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SAVAGE GERMAN AIR ATTACK ON ALEXANDRIA

Residential Quarters Severely Damaged

ALEXANDRIA, June 9 (Reuter)—While British and Free French forces entered Syria, the Germans launched their second savage air attack on Alexandria, subjecting the city to yet another vicious all-night blitz.

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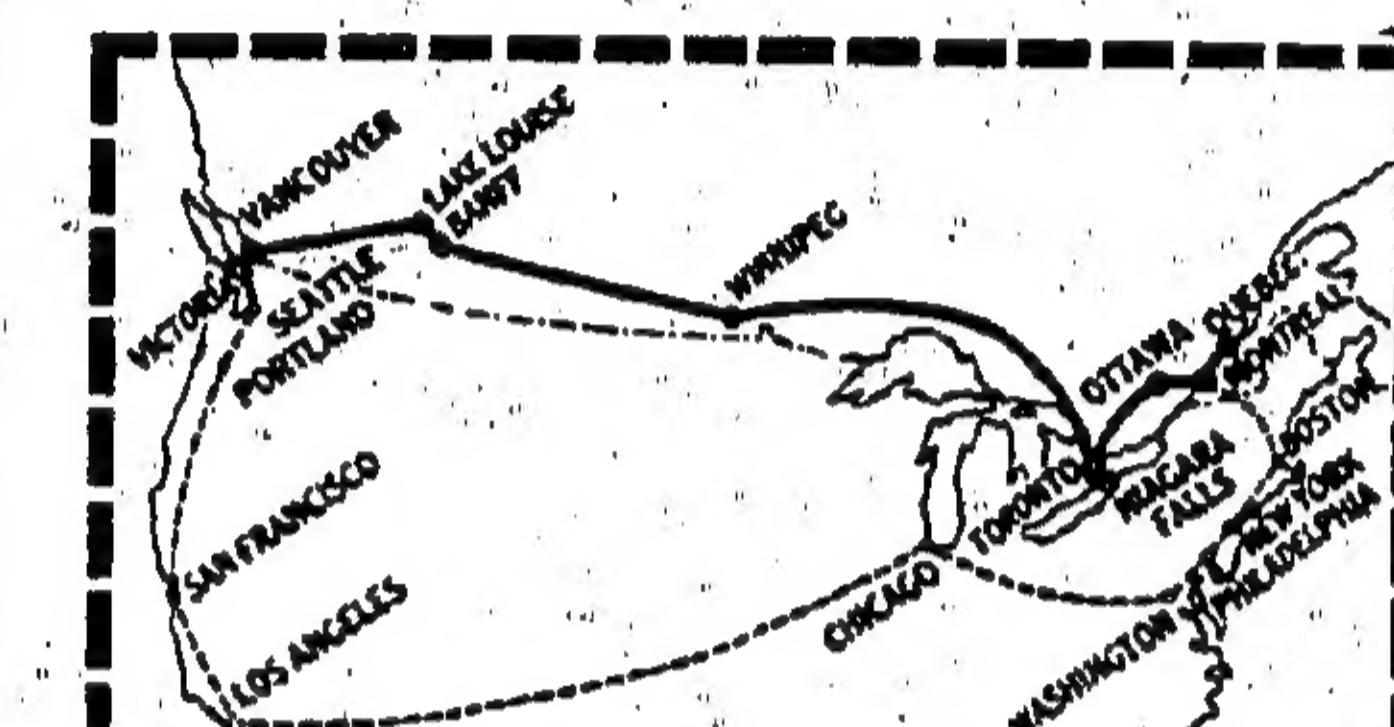
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INDIAN TROOPS THANKED

HAILE SELASSIE'S SPECIAL MESSAGE

SIMLA, June 9 (Reuter)—Haile Selassie has sent a special and personal message of thanks to the Indian divisions which so greatly helped in overthrowing Italian rule in Abyssinia.

The message says: "I am well aware of the sympathy which the Indian public and Press has shown to my people throughout the years of their misfortune and oppression and I am grateful for it."

"I am even more grateful for the magnificent part which Indian troops recently played in the liberation of my country."

"Their training in mountain warfare enabled them at Keren, and afterwards at Amba Alagi, to scale precipitous heights and capture positions which seemed impregnable along the whole line."

"Three enemy aircraft have been brought down and several armoured vehicles were destroyed."

"Beirut was bombed at 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The first raid was without result, but in the second two small oil storage tanks were hit, causing a small fire."

"Aerodromes of Mezze (near Damascus), Neras and Rayak were bombed but no serious damage was caused."

"FLEET ON MOVE"

VICHY, June 9 (Reuter)—The British aircraft carriers, Ark Royal and Furious, the battle cruiser Sheffield, with flotillas of torpedo boats and submarines, left Gibraltar for the Mediterranean at dawn yesterday morning.

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IMPERSONATING POLICE ALLEGATIONS

Commissioner's House-boy Charged At Central

Allegations that three men, one of whom was employed as house-boy by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, residing at No. 151 The Peak had impersonated Police officers in the Shaukwaiwan district, were made in a case heard before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Inspector A. Kirby conducted the prosecution.

Defendants were Fung Wah, 40, house-cook of No. 151, The Peak; Chan Chiui, 38, house-cook of the War Memorial Hospital, and Wong Chong, 33, hospital boy, of No. 47, Elgin Street, third floor, who were accused of having impersonated Police officers at No. 32, Ah Kung Ngam, Shaukwaiwan, on June 6.

CASE FOR PROSECUTION

The case for the prosecution was that about 11 p.m. on the day in question, four Chinese males, three of whom were defendants, entered No. 32, Ah Kung Ngam, which was occupied by Lo Tam, 51, earth cook.

Meanwhile, Lo and three of his friends were smoking opium in the house, two pipes and two lamps being in use.

On entry, one of the defendants said: "We are Police."

Third defendant, who was dressed in European-style clothing, then said: "I am a 'pong pan' (meaning 'inspector')."

Second defendant again said: "We are being detailed by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Pennefather-Evans, to inquire after opium divans. Give us \$3 ten money."

To this, complainant said that he did not have that amount.

First defendant, who was employed as house-boy by Mr. Pennefather-Evans, produced a cane and struck complainant on the head.

Purchase Of Medicines

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS

Remark that he had not the slightest hesitation in saying that defendant had told lies, not only deliberately, but had also got his wife to commit perjury. Mr. Justice Cressall, at the Summary Court yesterday, awarded judgment, with costs to the Yee Sang Hong, of No. 10 Queen's Road Central, first floor.

The defendants, the Sui Lee Company, and Tong Yau-chuen, of No. 154 Des Voeux Road Central, fourth floor, were sued for \$688.50 for medicines sold and delivered to them by plaintiff firm.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, while Mr. D. McCallum was for the defence.

Mr. Silva said that he understood that the defence was that two of the three items sued for had been paid for and they only admitted liability to the amount of \$140.

PREVIOUS DEALINGS

Chan Pak-tsun, manager of plaintiff firm, said that his firm dealt in medicines and patent drugs. He had previous dealings with defendant firm and on May 12, second defendant came to his office and bought three kinds of medicine payment of which was to be made at the end of the month. All the goods were delivered the same day and a chopped acknowledgement for them was received.

Tong Yau-chuen said that prior to this he had no dealings with plaintiffs. Two items of goods were purchased and paid for on Mar. 8.

Yeung King-yan, wife of defendant, said she saw her husband pay the sum of \$428 to plaintiffs for the purchase of certain medicines.

After his Lordship had given judgment to plaintiffs Mr. Silva asked for immediate execution and the application was granted.

DECREE NISI GRANTED

A decree nisi was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday on the petition of Joseph George Meyer for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Dorothy Meyer, on the ground of adultery.

Petitioner was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. D. H. Blake. The respondent and co-respondent were not in Court neither were they legally represented.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

EUROPEAN FINED

Anthony Francis Carmo, 21, an inspector of the Dairy Farm Company, residing at No. 23, Kwong Ming Street, first floor, charged with having assaulted tram conductor, Chau Chuen, and motor-man, Siu Wah-hok, on board tram No. 99 at Queen's Road East, near Garden Road, on May 31, was ordered by Mr. Sheldon yesterday to pay \$10 compensation to each of the complainants.

He was defended by Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho, while Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the prosecution.

Pleading guilty on defendant's behalf, Mr. Botelho said that his client felt grieved before the incident took place, when he was singled out by the conductor to get off the tram, as there were others standing in the first class.

Complainant then asked first accused for his credentials. First accused punched him in the right shoulder and the third accused then produced a knife and threatened complainant.

Complainant replied: "What has it got to do with you?"

Second accused then said: "He is a Police Officer. You had better let him search the basket."

Complainant then asked first accused for his credentials. First accused punched him in the right shoulder and the third accused then produced a knife and threatened complainant.

Complainant then shouted "Save life."

Mr. F. Fowler, Sanitary Inspector, on hearing the cry, came and apprehended first and second accused. The third accused managed to run away but was later arrested.

First and second defendant were fined \$50 or two months' hard labour, while third accused, with one previous conviction, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

JUNK MASTER FINED

Wan Kan, 41, master of junk No. 1220V, appeared before Mr. Anderson on charges of firstly attempting to export 380 tons of kerosene and, secondly, not having a license to carry same.

Sub-Insp. Headridge, prosecuting, said that on Saturday, June 7, at 2.20 p.m. the accused's junk was stopped by the Police at North Point and the kerosene were found on board.

Defendant admitted that the kerosene was for export, but the license he carried, and dated May 25, had expired.

Accused was fined \$250 or three months on the first charge, and on the second charge \$25 or two weeks, consecutively.

THEFT OF JEWELRY

A sixteen-year-old spinster was ordered to be placed in the Salvation Army Home for three months by Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday for larceny of a gold bangle, three gold finger-rings and \$2.60 in Hongkong currency, to the total value of \$82.80 from Ho Sze, 22, basket-maker, No. 5 Tung On Street, second floor on June 7.

Sgt. Whitcroft prosecuted, HARD LABOUR FOR PICKPOCKET

Ho Tung-fuk, 17, unemployed, of No. 78 Woosung Street, first floor, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Macnamara yesterday for attempted larceny from the person of Lau Lun, 42, Manager of Kelly Bros., No. 60 Castle Peak Road, of \$9 on June 8.

Sgt. Whitcroft, prosecuting, said that complainant was walking to Mongkok along Shanghai Street, near Dundas Street, when accused came from behind and attempted to remove the money from the complainant's pocket.

Complainant caught accused's hand and a struggle ensued in which accused managed to break away. He was, however, arrested by a District Watchman who was nearby.

Defendant had five previous convictions.

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

Owing to insufficient evidence, two Chinese constables who were alleged to have neglected their duty by failing to arrest an unknown Chinese man and woman, who had in their possession three bags of wolfram ore reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained, and with unlawful possession of a quantity of wolfram ore suspected to have been stolen, were discharged by Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

The accused were P. C. C718, Lo Kan, 31, and P. C. C247, Tang Cheung, 32, both attached to the Yau Ma Tei Police Station.

First accused was represented by Mr. C. A. Etherington, Esq., while Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for second.

Detective-Sgt. N. B. Fraser prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

IMPERSONATED POLICE

Two nightsoil coolies of the Urban Council, Wong Wah, 22, and Hui Wah, 22, and Li Wing, 26, unemployed were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday with impersonating Police Officers at Prince Edward Road.

Sgt. Dowman prosecuting, said that the complainant, Ho Wing, 22, house-boy, was walking along Prince Edward Road on June 7 at 1.45 a.m. when suddenly the three defendants came from behind and the first accused asked what complainant had in the basket he was carrying.

Complainant replied: "What has it got to do with you?"

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Anti-Spitting Prosecution

INTERESTING RULING BY MAGISTRATE

The third prosecution under the anti-spitting bye-law brought before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, failed when the Magistrate ruled that the place in which defendant was alleged to have expectorated was military ground and hence not a public place.

It was stated that the bye-law stipulated that it was only a summary offence when the nuisance was committed in a public place.

Defendant in this case was an ice delivery boy of the Dairy Farm, Lau Ching, 38, of No. 78, Chun Yung Street, ground floor, who was charged with having spat on the steps leading to the cook house of the Royal Corps of Signals, Victoria Barracks, at 8 a.m. on June 8. He pleaded not guilty.

The charge was brought by L/Cpl. Wright, R.S.

The prosecution accepting that the spitting actually took place inside the Victoria Barracks, a military ground which the public had no access to and hence not a public place, the charge was withdrawn and defendant discharged.

CROWN LAND SALE

Kowloon Lot Bought For \$32,100

Mr. A. H. Basto, the well-known architect, was the successful bidder, at \$32,100, for New Kowloon Land Lot No. 2850 which was sold by public auction at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday.

With an upset price of \$22,300 its 14,870 square feet piece of land, situated at the junction of Castle Peak Road and Camp St. Shamshui-poo, was, within five minutes of the commencement of the sale, worth \$27,500 when the first bidder against Mr. Basto dropped out.

The price was further raised by another Chinese gentleman who, however, withdrew when it reached \$32,100 at which the lot was sold to Mr. Basto who was acting on behalf of Mr. A. Vaswani, of Wyndham Street.

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1. From 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (approx.) Gloucester Road and that part of Hennessy Road between Fenwick Street and Stewart Road, will be closed to Vehicular Traffic.

2. Traffic will be diverted by way of Johnston Road or Lockhart Road.

3. Car parks will be formed in that part of Luard Road, O'Brien Road and Fleming Road which lies between Hennessy Road and Johnston Road. The car parks in O'Brien Road and Luard Road are reserved for the cars of official spectators. Persons arriving by car are requested to approach by way of Johnston Road.

4. From 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (approx.) the following routes will be diverted to the following roads.

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Sd. J. P. Pennefather-Evans,
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BANK HOLIDAY.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on THURSDAY, the 12th June, 1941. (The Birthday of His Majesty the King.)

Hongkong, 7th June, 1941.

Both are popular members of Hongkong's younger set, and several hundred friends of the bride and bridegroom attended the ceremony, which was performed by the Bishop of Hongkong, Right Rev. R. O. Hall, assisted by the Rev. A. P. Rose.

The bride was given away by her father, the Rev. D. Morgan Richards, B.A., of the Education Department, and looked radiant in an exquisite gown of snow-white satin.

Cut with a V-neck, the gracefully moulded bodice flowed into a wide full skirt with a long train, over which fell her wedding veil of tulle, held in place with a charmingly designed fillet of orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of Arum lilles.

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BRITISH ACTION
IN SYRIA

WHILE it is the political rather than the military implications which are emphasised in the action taken by the British Imperial troops and the Free French forces in Syria, the strategic value of the decision to prevent German control of this French colony with the object of making it a base for operations against the Suez Canal and Egypt is fully recognised.

The British action to support General de Gaulle's forces will be welcomed throughout the Empire. Ever since the withdrawal from Crete, popular demand has grown for decisive measures to be taken in anticipation of moves by the Axis Powers and any delay in acceding to this sentiment would undoubtedly have met with strong disapproval.

As it is, the reports emanating from the new battlefield indicate that the decision was taken not a moment too soon and that, indeed, the stage was very nearly set for an Axis move in the very near future.

The political importance of the British move is the effect it will have on the French people not only in Syria, but in every part of the French Empire and in France itself.

Neither Axis propaganda nor Vichy subterfuge has been able to conceal the growing dissension that has become apparent in the French Empire over the contemptible methods which Admiral Darlan, M. Laval and their fellow traitors have been adopting to sell out their country to the Germans.

New hope and courage will now be inspired in the hearts of the large majority of French men and women who are looking to Britain and her allies to free them from the enslavement to which their so-called leaders have committed them.

WHEN considering the political aspects of the move now taken by the British and Free French forces, a most

ALL-WHITE WEDDING AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

CAPTAIN ALAN O. G. MILLS AND MISS BEATA RICHARDS

St. John's Cathedral was the scene of one of the prettiest weddings of the season yesterday afternoon when MISS BEATA ELIZABETH DE COURCY RICHARDS became the bride of CAPTAIN ALAN OSWALD GAWLER MILLS, R.A.

Both are popular members of Hongkong's younger set, and several hundred friends of the bride and bridegroom attended the ceremony, which was performed by the Bishop of Hongkong, Right Rev. R. O. Hall, assisted by the Rev. A. P. Rose.

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THE BRIDESMAIDS

The bridesmaids were Miss Rachel Smith, Miss Alison Black and Miss Pamela Pritchard, who looked delightful in picture frocks of white organdie, and halo-head-dresses also of white and maiden-hair fern. The effect of this all-white wedding was enhanced by the beautiful floral decorations of the chancel, which were carried out with white lotus flowers, and were the work of Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Mrs. Farrel and Mrs. Hance.

The bride's mother was charmingly gowned in navy-blue French lace with a matching hat, and she carried a bouquet of shaded blue and mauve asters.

Lieut.-Col. F. D. Field, M.C., R.A., represented the bridegroom's parents, and Capt. Bartram acted as usher.

A reception was held afterwards at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, and a feature of the occasion was the wedding cake, which was surmounted by a model in silver of Capt. Mills' yacht, the A.S.

THE TOASTS

The health of the bride was proposed by Bishop Hall, and the bridegroom replied in some well-chosen words which evoked much applause, afterwards calling upon those present to drink to the bridesmaids.

Capt. Le Seelie replied for them with a mirthful little speech which aroused much laughter.

The bride looked extremely pretty in her going-away dress of gray georgette and lace, worn with a small hat of palest strawberry pink.

The honeymoon is to be spent at Baguio, P.I.

FROM the military point of view, the developments in Syria have to be studied from several angles. The check which the British and Free French action will have on Nazi plans is, of course, important. A word of caution has, however, advisedly been given in reminding the British that this provocation of a clash between the Vichy forces and those of Britain and Free France might be part of a German move to distract attention from North Africa and that the possibility of a major offensive from Libya into Egypt must not be lost sight of. Opinion is also expressed in some quarters that an open clash between the Vichy and those of Britain and Free France might never have arisen if the men at Vichy had been loyal enough to the sovereign rights and independence of France and her Empire. Of all the conquered countries of Europe, these now, barring the smaller puppets at Vichy, have now brought the country. Incidents like those which occurred at Dakar, Tunis and now in Syria might never have arisen if the men at Vichy had been loyal enough to the sovereign rights and independence of France and her Empire. Of all the conquered countries of Europe, these now, barring the smaller pup-

pet states like Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria where Teutonic preponderance left them with no other alternatives, France is today placed in the worst possible position under the Axis heel and even, if it is possible to save her Empire from the Nazi grip, only a miracle will save the mother country herself from the most abject humiliation at the hands of Germany.

According to a Police report, Leung Shing, 30, of Shing Nam Road, Kowloon City, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital at 2.25 yesterday morning, suffering from caustic soda poisoning, allegedly self-administered.

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The engagement is announced of Kenneth, the son of Mrs. M. C. Roberts, of Shanghai, and Constance, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ho and granddaughter of Mr. Ho Kom Tong, C.B.E., J.P., of Hongkong.

Mr. John R. Greaves, a former Hongkong resident, who has been serving with the Australian Imperial Force in the Middle East, is reported to be missing. He was wounded during the drive on El Alamein in December and when last heard of was about to rejoin his unit after recovery.

SIR ROBERT KOTEWALL INDISPOSED

His many foreign and Chinese friends will be sorry to hear that Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall is indisposed and has been medically advised to cancel all business and social engagements for at least one week.

According to circles close to Sir Robert, he has not been in the best of health for the past ten days but up to Saturday, Sir Robert was in his office attending to his multifarious duties.

His numerous friends will join us in wishing Sir Robert a speedy recovery.

JAPAN CANNOT BREAK UP, CONQUER OR GET OUT OF CHINA, SAYS O. M. GREEN

"No one can tell what madness Japan's imperialists may yet attempt in pursuance of their battle hopes, but in their fight with the Chinese one thing must be said—they cannot get out of China," said MR. O. M. GREEN, foreign editor of Reuters and formerly editor of the NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS, Shanghai, when he broadcast from London yesterday on what is happening between China and Japan.

Mr. Green said that one of the most significant statements in President Roosevelt's recent speech was that part in which he referred to the magnificent defence of the Chinese against Japan as one of the greatest obstacles to Herr Hitler's aggression.

UNFLAGGING RESISTANCE

China was fighting the greatest battle to free the world from tyranny. In 1940 China had faced the most difficult times and at one time she seemed to have been isolated from all help, but her resistance to the Japanese never flagged for a moment and she still continued to hold the Japanese soldiers like flies on a fly-paper.

"What are the details of this magnificent defence of the Chinese?" continued Mr. Green. "During the past month, Japan has been making a strong push against the Chinese in an attempt to destroy the Chinese armies. With two divisions brought from Manchukuo she had a little success at first."

Mr. Green said that the offensive in Central China has been successfully checked by the Chinese and had made no progress at all. In the East and the South East the push had also failed.

"The point to emphasize is that even if the Japanese had defeated the Chinese it would not have meant the conquest of China," said Mr. Green. "It is interesting to recall the opinions expressed by the German officers who were at one time training the Chinese armies on this question. They said that Japan lost the chance of conquering China in December 1937 when her army was allowed to waste two months in Nanking in looting and raping. Now the Japanese are compelled to strike here and there, wasting money and men without getting any final victory."

FOUR FACTORS

Mr. Green said that the secret of Chinese resistance lay in four main factors. Firstly, her enormous size. The distance between free and occupied China was 2,800 miles, with very scanty railways and roads. This meant long communications which the Japanese must keep up through hostile country.

Secondly, there was China's man-power. She had a population of 400,000,000 and the Chinese Minister of War recently announced that China's armies now numbered 5,000,000, including the guerrillas. China's armies were now better equipped and trained than they had ever been before. Their marching powers were amazing and they thought nothing of marching 50 miles a night.

It was also important to notice that a statement had been made last week by one of the leaders of the Communist army that this army was effectively co-operating with the Government troops. This showed that all complications between the Communists and the Government had been smoothed away.

CHINESE INDUSTRY

Thirdly, there was China's great industrialisation efforts. Most of her factories had been removed to the south-west and great strides were being made in making roads and railways. That was a remarkable fact. In the first year of the war, there had been a tremendous flow of capital from the interior of China to Shanghai. Now it had begun to flow back to free China and Chinese in the Straits Settlements had invested \$300,000,000 in Free China.

Fourthly, there was the active resistance of Chinese peasants. It was felt that the Japanese made their greatest blunder. In previous wars the Chinese peasants had been indifferent to the issue. Now they formed an active spearhead which the Japanese would never break down. The wakening of the people of China showed that they were united to resist the Japanese. That was the most important fact in the country's history.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Among the souvenirs brought back last week from Oslo, Norway by forces of the Royal Norwegian Navy—who were manning a former American destroyer, it will be recalled—was a pair of mittens on the back of which was knitted in gay colours: "God Save the King!"

These mittens, knit by some patriotic Norwegian woman who risked punishment in order thus to express her feelings, symbolise the spirit of Norway today. They will be presented to King Haakon as a token of loyalty from his captive but faithful people.



MR. O. M. GREEN

fleet, he said, which a spokesman had recently said numbered 500 vessels, was unimpaired. In spite of the daily drain on her manpower, she was easily able to maintain a standard army of about 1,800,000 men. The weight of war material, aeroplanes, etc., was on her side.

After the collapse of France, Japan expected Britain to be beaten in a few weeks and hoped there would be plenty to gain from it. Now the pact with Russia did not prevent the latter sending arms to China. As a matter of fact Russia had just signed a new agreement with Chungking to do so. Mr. Matsukawa, who was so pleased with himself for having obtained this pact was now hearing many angry words over what he has done.

The war in China is now just one month short of four years," said Mr. Green, "and the end is not yet in sight. Japan's national debt is five times what it was before the China war began. Taxation has reached its limits and there was a shortage of labour. There is also a decline in output of factories in spite of longer hours of work and an increase of factory accidents showing malnutrition and over-strain."

"China is receiving every help from the United States and from us and she will certainly receive more and her armies are now more confident than ever of ultimate triumph," concluded Mr. Green.

PRISONER FOUND DEAD IN CELL

An inquest into the death of a prisoner in Stanley Prison, Lau Yung, 38, who was found dead in his cell on May 16, was conducted before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. Wong Hui-wan (Foreman), Mak Kwong, Wing Chan and Chan Cheuk-chow.

Mr. W. J. Bagley, Assistant Chief Officer of the Prison Department, said that deceased was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on May 5, on conviction for larceny.

Dr. E. W. R. Hackett, Medical Officer of the Prison Department, deposed that the cause of death was cerebral haemorrhage due to rupture of the blood vessel in the brain.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

JAPAN'S POSITION

Mr. Green then turned to comment on Japan's position. Japan's



IMPERIAL TROOPS ENTER DERRA

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The main British objectives, according to Agronky's information, are Beirut, Aleppo and Damascus. Forces from Palestine are apparently using the Haifa-Beirut coast road.

Agronky commented the only way the Germans can help Vichy in Syria is by air and the next few days will show if they are successful.

In the meantime, he says, the British are believed to have made effective political groundwork in Syria before the beginning of the military action.

OVER TO BRITISH

Four thousand French troops, armed with modern equipment, have gone over to the British in the Djebel Druse area, according to the Berne correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES.

MOMENT'S NOTICE

NEW YORK, June 9 (Reuter)—Several units of the French Fleet in Toulon are ordered to be ready to sail at a moment's notice, according to the New York Times from Berne.

R.A.F. ACTIVITY

JERUSALEM, June 9 (Reuter)—Planes are continuously coming and going which give evidence of considerable R.A.F. activity though the latest report indicates no major resistance yet encountered in Syria.

BRITAIN ABUSED

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—Endorsing Marshal Petain's shallow statement that the British, by entering Syria, broke faith with France, the German wireless is pouring out quotations from dutiful German newspapers vehemently, even scurrilously, abusing Britain for the betrayal of her former ally.

British Action Responded To Widespread Demand

London Press comment on Syria reflect the view that the British action responded to the widespread public demand that the Allies should not be again forestalled by Germany, says Reuter.

Editorials warn that the task of the British forces may not be necessarily easy."

The DAILY TELEGRAPH refutes the Vichy argument that the British action is hostile to French sovereignty.

THE TIMES' editorial says: "The forces under General Wilson's command can count on a warm welcome by an overwhelming majority of the inhabitants of the country into which they are advancing. This sense of operation has been rightly described as political rather than military."

"But with recent precedents in mind, there will be no temptation to succumb to over-confidence or underestimate the military aspects of the task."

"It will be assumed that the fullest preparations have been made on our side in both equipment and tactical dispositions to meet an expected offensive."

MUCH RELIEF

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DEATH OF HON. F. N. CURZON



MR. CHURCHILL

FUNERAL OF EX-KAISER

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—The funeral of Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm took place at Doorn, Holland, today with full military honours, the obsequies being attended by the representative of Hitler, Dr Seyss-Inquart, who laid Hitler's wreath on the coffin, according to the German official News Agency account of the funeral.

After the service, the Ex-Kaiser's widow and the Crown Prince returned to their residence where they received the condolences of those attending the funeral.

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CABLE

CASTLE PEAK ROAD TRAGEDY

INQUEST HELD AT D. O. SOUTH

A traffic accident on Castle Peak Road, Tsim Wan, on May 3 which resulted in the death of a man, Lo Sze-mui, 26, had a sequel in the District Office, South, yesterday when Mr. S. F. Balfour, sitting as Coroner, and assisted by a jury which comprised Mr. F. A. Dinsdale (Foreman), Mr. Chan Kwai-ping and Mr. Yu Foo-keung, conducted an inquest.

Traffic Sub-Inspect, A. R. Brittain appeared for the Police.

In his evidence, Dr. E. L. Gosano, of the Kowloon Hospital, stated that the cause of death was cerebral haemorrhage.

A neighbour, Chan Ying, stated that she saw what happened from the gate of her house. In reply to the Foreman of the jury, witness stated that though there was a bend in the road it was not sharp enough to obstruct the view of the driver of the incoming car.

CAME TO S-BEND

Donald Webb, sick berth attendant on one of H.M. ships, said that he was a passenger in a private car driven by his brother along Castle Peak Road and when they came to an S-bend in the road there were a number of pedestrians.

After passing a bus witness felt a bump and looked to the left but could not see anything. On looking back, however, he saw a large crowd of Chinese. The car was brought to a stop and they found a man lying on the roadway and took him to hospital.

Evidence was also given by C. Sinclair, seaman on one of H.M. ships, who was a passenger of the car, and by Traffic Sergeant W. Clarke.

The inquiry was adjourned to June 13 at 2.30 p.m.

BUT CONFIDENCE REMAINS

"There has been a lot of criticism about Crete and quite rightly too, to my mind. The more vigorously we are criticised the more determined it makes us to see that our war efforts achieve success," said MR. HOWARD MARSHALL in the course of a broadcast from London yesterday in the series "News from Home".

The SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE says: "There are two Frances now captive, Vichy France and Free France, in the hearts of Frenchmen beyond the clutch of the Nazi fist. It is Free France that Americans recognise."

The ST. LOUIS STAR says: "The choice which the Vichy Government made to 'defend' Syria against the British means simply that Vichy is an enemy and should be so treated."

The HERALD-TRIBUNE says:

"That the forces of democracy for once have taken a bold initiative without waiting for Nazi-paid subversives and shock troops to force their hands."

The single emotion among Americans will be relief and reassurance that the Free French and British in the Mediterranean can show offensive energy, and there will be the hope that they will carry through the action with that vigour and ruthlessness that is required with all the speed and power they possess.

WAS ESSENTIAL

The Free French newspaper FRANCE, commenting on the entry of Syria, says that it was essential at all costs in order to prevent its becoming an Axis base for an attack against Egypt or Turkey.

Vichy had obviously abandoned any idea of defending it against Berlin.

CHINESE BREAK INTO FOOCHOW

PUPPETS FLEEING TO MAMOI

KUTIEN, June 9 (Central)—Chinese troops counter-attacking at Foochow are making rapid progress. As a result of persistent attacks during the past few days, they have virtually completed the encirclement of the city.

Chinese forward units yesterday once broke into the city and engaged the Japanese in close-quarter fighting with hand-grenades and rifles.

Pandemonium now reigns in Foochow as the various puppet organs are feverishly evacuating the city to Mamoi.

The Chinese are continuing their attacks and perfecting preparations for storming the city.

OUTPOSTS RAIDED

SHIUKWAN, June 9 (Central)—A successful raid was carried out by Chinese mobile units on the night of June 4 on Japanese outposts at Fungtong, Fowsing, Ku-hong, Funki, Cheungmei in Chaoan where Japanese defence works were damaged and many sections of telephone and telegraph wires destroyed.

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UNREASONABLENESS NOT MADE OUT

CONVICTION FOR SALE OF FOOD ON JUNK: APPEAL FAILS

Stating that he had no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that the bye-law was not ultra-vires, nor was it unreasonable, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Appeal Court yesterday, dismissed an appeal against conviction, brought by WONG CHEUNG.

It will be recalled Wong was found guilty and cautioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy on April 21 on a summons brought by the Health Department for selling and exposing for sale cooked food for man usually sold or exposed for sale ready for immediate consumption on a Class II junk No. 1855W, at Aberdeen harbour, on Mar. 8 without a licence from the Urban Council.

Appellant was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby, and Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Crown.

Mr. Loseby said that defendant was convicted on a charge laid under bye-law No. 1 of Ordinance 13, 1935, which he submitted could have only one interpretation and that was complete prohibition of the sale of cooked food other than at a place under licence—an eating house, restaurant, hotel or a hawkers stall. The sale of a meal anywhere else was prohibited.

He submitted that the bye-law was unreasonable and a bad one. For example, if a person held a function in the open air or on the waters and sold a cup of tea or a cake he committed an offence under that bye-law.

REGULATE SUPPLY

The Chief Justice told Mr. Loseby that his arguments were that the regulations were unreasonable and, if strictly enforced, would regulate the supply of food on board any passenger carrying vessels and asked Mr. Loseby whether he could show any authority to say that the bye-law was bad on the ground of unreasonableness.

Dismissing the appeal, his Lordship said that the facts of the case were not disputed. He thought it was right that the magistrate at the lower Court held that unreasonableness was not made out.

The appeal was brought on the following grounds:

(1) on the true interpretation of Ord. No. 13 of 1935 and bye-law

Mr. Tam Tsun and Wong Tong, founders of the Hongkong-Kowloon Refugee Children's School, are planning to start a 'circuit' library in aid of popular education.

Their plan is to provide three tri-cycles loaded with books which will make rounds of the streets

FUNERAL OF MRS. G. B. BULLOCK

Large Attendance: Many Wreaths.

The funeral of Mrs. Gladys Beatrice Bullock, wife of Mr. Harry Bullock of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S. C.) Ltd., who died at the War Memorial Nursing Home on Sunday, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday.

On arrival of the hearse at the gates of the cemetery, the casket was borne to the grave on the shoulders of Messrs. R. Young, E. Ellis, J. Harrop, Newton, F. L. Thomas, N. Spence, W. G. M. Wilson and R. J. K. Walker.

No. 1 the acts alleged and proved by evidence against defendant are not unlawful;

(2) that bye-law No. 1 is invalid; (a) being in excess of the statutory power authorising it, or (b) being repugnant to the statutory power authorising it; or (c) being unreasonable, or (d) being repugnant to the general principles of law;

(3) the conviction was wrong in law, and (4) not guilty of the offence.

THE BYE-LAW

The bye-law referred to, bye-law No. 1 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance 13 of 1935, states: "Except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Council for a restaurant, or eating house, or for a hawkers food stall issued under Ordinance No. 22 of 1935, no person shall sell or expose for sale any article of cooked food for man usually sold or exposed for sale ready for immediate consumption. Such licence shall be in addition to any licence issued under the Liquors Ordinance, 1931."

HONGKONG TO HAVE CIRCUIT LIBRARY

every day. People may borrow books from the library and return them after reading.

Mr. Y. W. Wong, General Manager of the Commercial Press, has promised to give several hundred copies of books to the library.

CONVICTIONS QUASHED BY APPEAL COURT

Submissions by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., that the prosecution had failed to establish that there was intent or mens rea on the part of defendants were upheld by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Appeal Court yesterday when he ordered that the convictions against Lai Yuen-chu, junk master, and Lo Siu-kuen, steersman, for attempting to export petrol from the Colony be quashed.

They were convicted by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy on April 22 with doing an act preparatory to the commission of an offence against an order made by the Trade Controller under Defence Regulations by having on board their respective junks 3,700 and 3,800 tins of petrol for movement in the waters of the Colony outside the harbour boundaries without a licence.

They were each fined \$50.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, was for the Crown. Mr. D'Almada was instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan.

Mr. D'Almada said that the appeal was based on the grounds that the conviction was against the weight of evidence and, secondly, that there was not sufficient evidence whereupon to return a conviction.

WAS ENGAGED

Mr. D'Almada pointed out that first defendant, in evidence, stated he was engaged to carry the petrol to Cha, Kwo Ling and did not know what was to be done on arrival there. For the transportation he had engaged second defendant's junk.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that the learned magistrate in coming to his decision in the case was acting upon grave suspicion and no more, and submitted that the conviction should be quashed.

The evidence, Mr. Abbott said, which was given undoubtedly showed to the magistrate that something very peculiar was going on.

The appeal was allowed and his Lordship ordered that the fines be refunded.

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BRISK FIGHTING ON HONAN-SHANSI BORDER

HINGTSI, June 8 (Central)—BRISK FIGHTING IS CONTINUING BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND "JAPANESE FORCES IN THE HILLY REGIONS NORTH OF THE TSIYUAN-YUANKU HIGHWAY NEAR THE HONAN-SHANSI BORDER, WITH THE LATTER SUFFERING HEAVILY.

A Japanese column pushing toward Tsinchui, northwest of Yang-cheng in southeast Shansi, has been held in check by the Chinese. Severe fighting is raging in that area.

Heavy fighting is also reported in Chishan, Tsinghochen and the neighbouring districts in south Shansi, where over 2,000 Japanese are vigorously attacking.

Meanwhile, Chinese forces have attacked the Japanese on both sides of the Tunliu-Kaoping highway in southeast Shansi with success. The Japanese are being steadily turned back during the past three days.

Nine Japanese planes raided Hingtsi yesterday morning. They dropped several bombs in the southern outskirts before flying away.

GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES

The Chinese have intensified their guerrilla activities around Tsingtao.

Both the Liu Prison and the bogus Shantung Salt Administration were destroyed during Chinese attacks last month. The Japanese-organised Chinese garrison at Tsingtao revolted and surrendered to the Chinese Government.

A Japanese combined land and naval force of about 1,000 men at Tsingtao made several attacks against the Chinese around the port but were defeated with losses in each attack.

About 3,000 Japanese troops from Chucheng, Kaomi and Klaohsien also launched an offensive against the Chinese entrenched northwest of Tsimo and southwest of Klaohsien but were repulsed. Chinese in pursuit destroyed the waterworks at Peishaho.

As a result of these engagements, some 1,500 Japanese were killed and more than 10 Japanese officers and men were taken prisoner. About 300 Japanese rifles, six machine-guns, two mountain guns and a quantity of ammunition were also seized.

RECAPTURE SIANGSHAN

Siangshan, important town on the Chekiang coast southeast of Ningpo, was recaptured by Chinese forces on June 5, according to a field dispatch.

The recapture followed a fierce Chinese counter-attack which resulted in the Japanese being forced to flee in the direction of Nanpao to the south. The Chinese are now busy in rounding up remnant Japanese in Siangshan.

The Japanese occupied Siangshan on the morning of June 3 after a vigorous drive from Nan-pao.

FURTHER SUCCESSES

The Chinese have scored further successes to the north-west of Foochow.

Following the recapture of Tahu, three other strategic points Peisha, Kiangyang and Kuanyuan were regained by them on June 5. The Japanese there reured to Foochow.

Chinese field dispatches state that the Japanese employed poison gas to cover their retreat from Tahu and Peisha.

Seven Japanese privates captured during fighting in the Min River region have been escorted to an undisclosed place in the Chinese rear.

NEW KEDAH RICE MILL NOW WORKING

There are three Government rice mills in Perak, two in Krian and at Teluk Anson, states the latest issue of the Malayan Agricultural Journal.

There is also a Government mill at Temerloh, Pahang.

The Krian mills purchased a total of 18,262 tons of padi, all from Krian, and produced 73,258 bags of rice of 170 katis, of which 37,805 bags were white and undermilled rice, and 35,452 bags parboiled rice.

The proportion of undermilled to ordinary white rice produced was nine bags to one bag.

The Government Rice Mill, Teluk Anson, produced 11,308 bags of white and undermilled rice, and 10,219 bags parboiled rice. The proportion of undermilled to white rice produced was 52 to 1,146 tons.

A total of 835 tons of padi was purchased from the Sungai Manik Irrigation Area, and this might have been considerably larger had not the local price of padi increased, halfway through the harvest, to more than the price guaranteed by Government.

The Temerloh mill purchased 139 tons of padi during the year.

Free French Comment On Syria Issue

LONDON, June 9 (BWS) — The common action taken yesterday morning in Syria and Lebanon by the Free French forces and British troops is commented upon in the following terms by General De Gaulle's headquarters in London:

"It is to Admiral Darlan and his policy of gradually giving way to the French Empire to Germany and collaborating, in a military sense, with the enemy that must be ascribed the responsibility for any fighting that may occur in Syria."

Operations began at 2 a.m., and copies of leaflets containing the proclamation by General Catroux of the Free French forces were dropped over Syria by aircraft.

TEXT OF PROCLAMATION

The proclamation by General Catroux said: "I have come to put an end to the mandatory regime and to proclaim you free and independent. You will therefore be, from henceforward, sovereign and independent peoples."

It was further stated: "Inhabitants of Syria and Lebanon, you will see from this declaration that if the Free French and British forces cross your frontier it is not to take away your liberty but it is to ensure it."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN U.S. FACTORY

WHEELING (West Virginia), June 9 (Reuter)—A fire "practically destroyed" the Wheeling Machine Products Company fac-

FINANCE & GENERAL

POTENTIAL SHORTAGE OF QUININE OVERCOME

Nine-tenths of the world supplies of quinine come from Java and should Malayan supplies of quinine be seriously threatened by an extension of hostilities to Java this country, which is endemic malaria, would be in a very bad position indeed.

This fact is gleaned from the 1940 annual report of the Malaria Advisory Board, which describes how the Board took measures to see that Malaya should not be so circumstanced, when owing to war the delivery of supplies of quinine and synthetic drugs made from quinine was interrupted.

There were three aspects to this potential shortage; that of Government hospitals and dispensaries; that of estates and mines; and that of the Army.

The Government, the Board ascertained had in stock or on indent sufficient quinine to last approximately two years at normal rates of usage, and of this quantity rather more than two-thirds was actually in the country.

RESERVE STOCK

Mines and estates drew their supplies from firms which, owing to financial considerations, did not carry much reserve stock.

The Board circularised estates and mine agency houses and advised them to build up reserve stocks, and this advice was followed.

Regarding the Army, the Board was informed on enquiry that the military authorities had sufficient

tory which is making shell fitting."

The cause of the fire is not known.

The Sunday shift workmen fled for safety and the flames spread rapidly through the sprawling buildings. The banks of the Ohio River are also on fire.

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Britain And Germany At Grips In Diamond Industry

WASHINGTON.—A sharp struggle for control of the European diamond industry is going on between Britain and Germany as a result of the strong demands now being made for both rough and polished stones.

Industrial diamonds are increasingly in demand for armament manufacturing purposes, and polished stones are enjoying a strong market for American dollars, partly as a result of the desire of many Americans for investment in diamonds, according to recent information published by the Department of Commerce here.

GERMAN EFFORTS

Germany, according to the Department's information, is making an effort to reorganize the cutting and polishing industry which formerly had its centre at Antwerp and Amsterdam.

Although the bulk of diamond stocks from these centres were transferred abroad when Germany invaded the Low Countries last year, considerable stocks which were sent to France have since come into Germany's possession.

Germany has formulated plans to recapture control of the industry, which was largely disrupted by war, and to return its center to Antwerp and Amsterdam, with subsidiary centres within the Reich proper. Germany is also attempting to force owners of raw materials to deliver them for processing to establishments located exclusively within German-controlled territory.

At the same time, the Reich has instigated measures to prevent the migration of skilled diamond workers to other countries outside the German occupation orbit.

One Italian light bomber was shot down by R.A.F. fighters and another was so badly damaged that it probably did not reach its base.

This morning enemy aircraft approached the coast but the raid did not materialise.

Chinese field dispatches state that the Japanese employed poison gas to cover their retreat from Tahu and Peisha.

Seven Japanese privates captured during fighting in the Min River region have been escorted to an undisclosed place in the Chinese rear.

JAPANESE STORY DENIED IN HANOI

SHANGHAI, June 8 (Reuter)—Official quarters in Hanoi today categorically denied the allegation by the Japanese News Agency that the French local authorities gave approval to the seizure by the Japanese in Haiphong of a large stock of war material and other goods destined for the Chungking Government, according to the French News Agency.

On the contrary, these quarters added, as soon as the plans to remove these goods were known, an energetic protest was lodged by the Governor-General in Indo-China and the French Government with the Japanese military authorities.

The latter, it is alleged, failed to heed the protest and started moving the goods.

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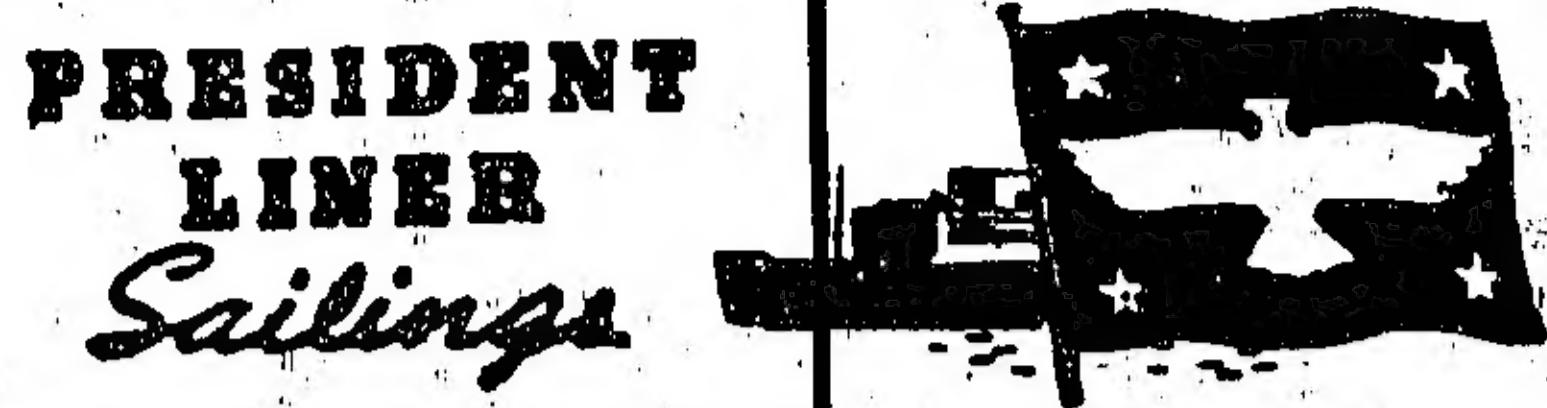
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R.A.F. BOMBERS TURN BENGHAZI INTO INFERNO

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuters) — Bengazi, the Libyan harbour and base occupied by Axis forces, was turned into a blazing inferno by R.A.F. bombers on Friday night for the second night in succession.

Flames raged among the military buildings and in the harbour area were "stoked up" by the bombers until they could be seen 50 miles away.

LAST NIGHT'S

R.A.F. Middle East communiqué, which reports the raid, also refers to the attack on Derna aerodrome and Bara and to bombing and machine-gunning attacks in the Jimma area of Abyssinia.

R.A.F. fighters also carried out protective patrols over shipping in the Mediterranean and one enemy aircraft was driven off by a South African fighter and forced to jettison its bombs.

All R.A.F. aircraft returned safely from all operations.

DARLAN RETURNING TO PARIS

ZURICH, June 9 (Reuters) — Admiral Darlan is returning to Paris to resume conversations with Germany, according to the Genevese newspaper *La Suisse*.

M. Laval reached unoccupied France yesterday at Clermont Ferrand, near Vichy, which was reported to be his eventual destination.

His return provoked much comment.

General Weygand left Vichy and the French Colonial Regents of Africa are returning to their posts.

QUISLINGITES NOW CARRY BAYONETTES

The latest report from Oslo is that Quisling's Storm Troopers are armed with bayonettes and are being referred to by the puppet as his "political soldiers."

Even so, the party organ, *Free People*, was forced to admit that during their parades in Larvik and Sandefjord on May 19 and 20, the Storm Troopers met with counter-demonstrations. "Respect for party members," bewailed the paper, "has not always been what it should be in these towns."

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 10 to 16 June 1941.

High Water Low Water

Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	10	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
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Wed.	11	10 01	7 6	03 24	2 9
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Thu.	12	00 07	4 5	04 02	3 1
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	11 58	7 1	18 37	0 6	
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Mon.	16	13 47	6 4	20 57	1 8

UNITED STATES' TASK IS TO WIN WAR AND PEACE

NEW YORK, May 1—Picturing America as taking up "the heavy burden of winning both the war and peace," Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, addressing 2,500 New York young Democrats here last night, declared that those who preach defeatism in this hour of world crisis are "enemies of the human soul." Peace would come, Mr. Wallace asserted, "not as a result of bowing in slavery under the yoke of Nazi terror, but as the result of freedom from Nazism and all it stands for."

"Twenty-five years ago we won the war and lost the peace because we were not ready to do our part in fighting against human sufferings and poverty," he said.

"This time . . . we must assume the responsibility of laying broad and deep the foundations of freedom, comradeship, good will, and mutual service, so that in the world to come there can be a permanent peace in which no nation can cause fear of aggression. . . . Long as it may take, we shall win our freedom from the threat of Nazism and thereafter we shall build a peace that will endure."

Unity must be the national watchword to meet the issue of "Slavery or War" which Nazi aggression was forcing on the world, the Vice-President continued, and he defined the duty of patriotic American youth as the promotion of unity and production if this Nation were to offset the "hard work and enthusiasm" with which the Nazi regime had reinforced its "bluster and bluff."

LATIN-AMERICAN HOPE

Mr. Wallace saw the Latin-American nations looking to the United States to produce enormously and speedily these products that would insure peace and freedom to the Western Hemisphere and the entire world. It was a proud fact that the United States would produce 22,000 defense airplanes in 1941, as compared with its 4,500 in 1940, he said, but added that this was not enough. At the same time Mr. Wallace insisted that "the best efficiency in the long run comes from free and willing co-operation," and that the answer to labour-management disputes was not the Government "crack-down" on either side.

PATIENCE URGED

"You have heard of the delays that were caused by workers in the defense industries," he said, "and you have heard of the delays that were caused by corporations that dickered for weeks and months before they would sign a contract for defense production. You have heard demands that the Government crack down on labour and crack down on industry."

"But we in the United States believe that before we crack down on our fellow citizens we should have patience to listen to workers or manufacturers who want to be heard. . . . There is as great patriotism in working overtime to settle a defense contract or strike as in working overtime to rivet the wing of a fighting plane."

PEOPLE'S RIGHTS STRESSED
The Vice-President stressed, however, that it was the right of the people in the emergency "to demand sincere and earnest effort from both labour and management to settle all differences among themselves with promptness and good will."

State and national Democratic leadership was represented at the dinner, which marked the twenty-sixth anniversary of the New York

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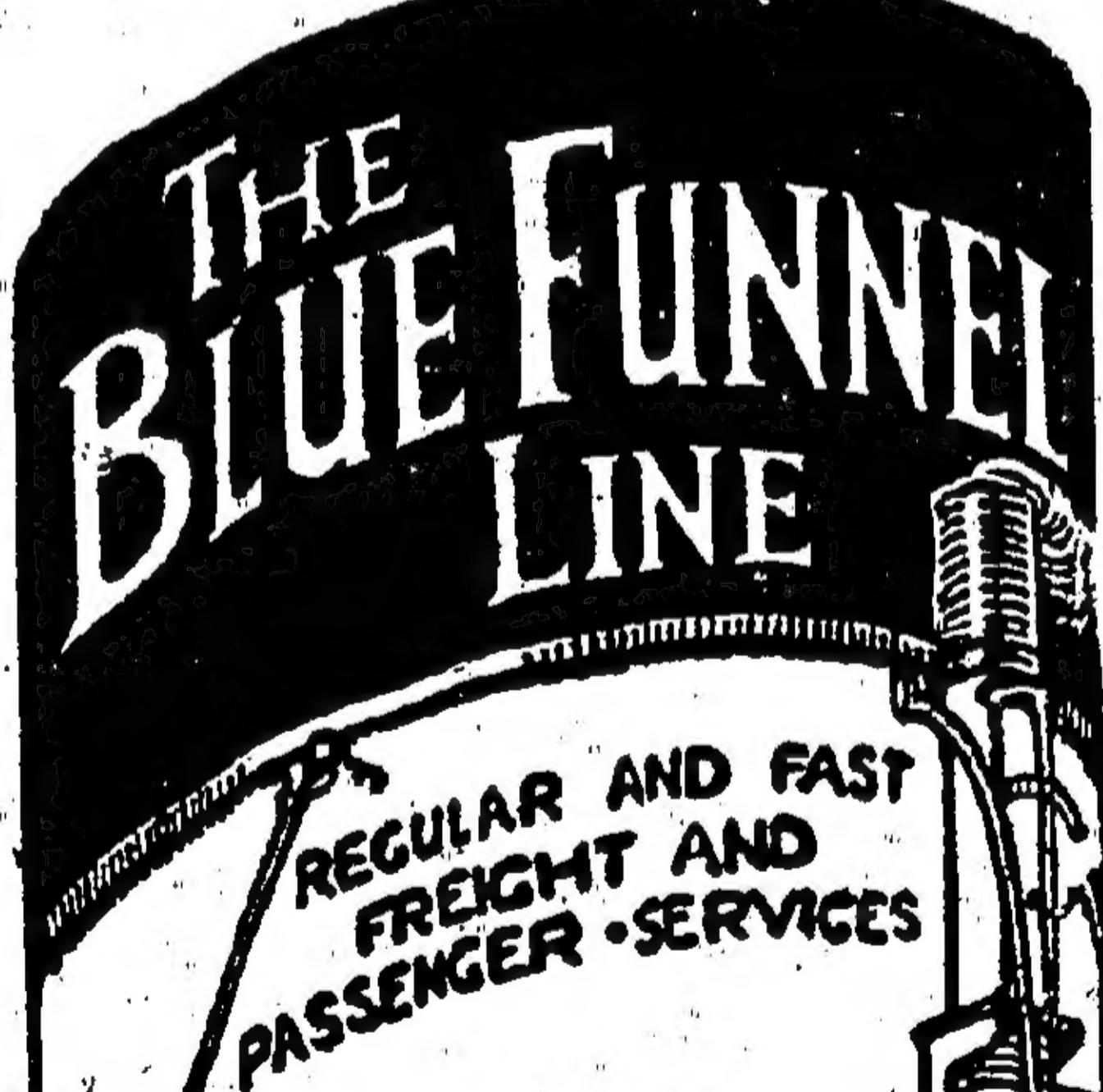
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To Visit Roosevelts

PRINCE BERNHARD and PRINCESS JULIANA of the Netherlands are going from Ottawa to the United States for a short holiday and have accepted an invitation to spend a day with President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

The Prince arrived yesterday in Canada from England on a visit to his wife and their two daughters.

VICHY DENUNCIATION OF BRITISH ACTION IN SYRIA

VICHY, June 9 (Reuter) — Marshal Petain, in a message to the French people in Syria, said the attack was led "as at Dakar" by Frenchmen serving under the dissident flag."

"Supported by British Imperial Forces," the message continued, "they are not hesitating to spill the blood of their brothers defending the unity of the Empire and French sovereignty."

"Painful as is the event France, faithful in her word, can proudly declare that she did not take the initiative in striking the blow against her former Ally either today or previously at Mere El Kebit, Dakar or Sfax. Guile went before the force."

Refusing the allegation that the Germans were landing large numbers of troops in French Levant ports and that France was preparing to hand over French Colonial territory to the Germans, Marshal Petain said a few aeroplanes which had landed temporarily "in our territory" has now left Syria with the exception of three or four which are not air-worthy.

The same paper, in an editorial, says the probable explanation why General Weygand refused to go to Syria is that he opposed any action against General De Gaulle's forces, holding that such action will lead France towards war with Britain.

CLOSER CO-OPERATION The Zurich newspaper Die Amt reports from Berlin that it is believed there the British action will bring France to closer relations with Germany and adds: "France is expected now to enter into closest military and diplomatic relations with Germany regardless of the opinion of Great Britain and the United States."

UNJUST AGGRESSION!

"You know that there is not a single German soldier either in Syria or Lebanon," continued the aged Marshal.

"You are therefore the objects of the most unjust act of aggression which relents us. Today for the first time French sovereignty in Levant is threatened."

"Fight for the just cause and for the integrity of territory entrusted to France by history. You will know how to defend it."

VICHY COMMUNIQUE

Denunciation of the British action is contained in a Vichy communiqué which described it as the British plan to profit by France's defeat and "to seize her Empire."

The communiqué, which is virtually a repetition of Marshal Petain's message, says that French Government circles are watching the situation and its development calmly and coolly.

EXTREMELY TENSE

ZURICH, June 9 (Reuter) — The entry of British and French troops into Syria caused "consternation and indignation" in po-

BERLIN PRESENTS A PERFECT TARGET

BY BASIL CARDEW

(In the Daily Express)

The Nazis screamed that R.A.F. fire bombs had been dropped on the diplomatic quarter of Berlin.

If they did they fell in the centre of a mile-long rectangle in the heart of the city that is one of the world's greatest bombing targets.

The rectangle is tipped at one end by two main railway stations and at the other by a third of Berlin's main railway termini.

They may have been the highest targets of the R.A.F. bombers but between them, huddled together as in no other country in

the world, are twenty-five first-class military objectives.

For the squeamish let me say this is the wealthy quarter of Berlin. If more British bombs drop here there will be no poor men's houses hit, no women and children torn from homes, they cannot afford to replace.

At the south end of this bomb spot are the Potsdamer and Ahhalter stations, which take the place for Berliners of our St. Pancras and King's Cross.

In the north the broad Friedrich Station stands as it stood before the war without a bomb mark or even a scald from an incendiary. It is Berlin's Victoria or Waterloo. And all three stations have large, rambling marshalling yards.

But the meaty hits are in the centre, what the Nazis called "the heaviest raid the Luftwaffe made in the war"—on London—from his air palace in this quarter. His Air Ministry spreads for a quarter of a mile—for remember that Goering thought and said when he built his edifice that R.A.F. bombs would never fall on Berlin.

Here, too, are Hitler's Chancellery, Admiral Raeder's Admiralty annex, Ribbentrop's Foreign Office, von Keitel's War Office annex, and a score of lesser State buildings that form the core of the Nazi war machine.

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STARTERS AND JOCKEYS FOR DERBY

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—The following are the Derby probable starters and jockeys:

Mister Sawyer (Gomes), Royal Academy (Carey), Cuertiley (Jones), Mazarin (Bartlam), Devonian (Periyman), Selim Hassan (Beary), Solum (Cliff Richards), Valdavian (Herbert), Starwort (Taylor), Firozden (Lowrey), Anton (A. Wrapp), Morogoro (Harry Wrapp), Owen Tudor (S. Wrapp), Suncastle (Leasey), Orthodox (D. Smith), Sun Ray (Mullins), Ptolemy (E. Smith), Camperdown (Bridgland), Lambert Simmel (Elliott), Fairy Prince (Lane).

Single Court, Fettes, Thoroughfare, Chateau Larose and Sunny Island have no jockeys.

FOREIGN MAIRS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 10th JUNE, 1941.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence 10 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

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STOP PRESS

TOKYO, June 9 (Reuter) — General Kenji Doihara, a member of the Supreme War Council, has been appointed Inspector-General of the Army and Air Force, concurrently replacing Lieutenant-General Hobun Yamashita who has been appointed Supreme War Councillor. It is announced by the War Office.

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter) — Trains to the number of 163, among them six non-stop trains and 12 express trains, have been suspended from service in the Rumanian railway system since yesterday, states a Bucharest report quoted by the Ankara Radio. The reason given is that preference is to be given to commodities of first class importance.

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